



AGENDA
Committee of the Whole
Monday, January 4, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall 10th Floor

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes:

- December 14, 2015

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items

5. Discussion/Action:

A.) Election of Council President

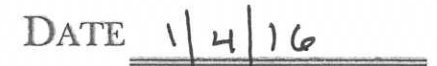
B.) Election of Council Vice President

6. Other

7. Adjourn

The City of Lansing's Mission is to ensure quality of life by:

- I. Promoting a vibrant, safe, healthy and inclusive community that provides opportunity for personal and economic growth for residents, businesses and visitors
- II. Securing short and long term financial stability through prudent management of city resources.
- III. Providing reliable, efficient and quality services that are responsive to the needs of residents and businesses.
- IV. Adopting sustainable practices that protect and enhance our cultural, natural and historical resources.
- V. Facilitating regional collaboration and connecting communities





MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, January 4, 2016 @ 5:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk Swope called the meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Brown Clarke
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar
Councilmember Tina Houghton
Councilmember Adam Hussain
Councilmember Patricia Spitzley
Councilmember Jody Washington
Councilmember Carol Wood
Councilmember Jessica Yorko

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Randy Hannan, Mayor Executive Assistant
Deb Parrish
Mary Ann Prince

Approval of Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BROWN CLARKE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Public Comments

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Election of Council President

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WASHINGTON TO NOMINATE COUNCILMEMBER BROWN CLARKE AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

No further nominations for Council President.

ON THE MOTION TO ELECT COUNCILMEMBER BROWN CLARKE AS COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Election of Council Vice President

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WOOD TO NOMINATE COUNCILMEMBER YORKO AS COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT.

ON MOTION TO ELECT COUNCILMEMBER YORKO AS COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT, MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on January 11, 2016



MINUTES
Committee of the Whole
Monday, December 14, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

PRESENT

Council President Tina Houghton
Councilmember A'Lynne Boles
Councilmember Jessica Yorko
Councilmember Kathie Dunbar
Councilmember Jody Washington
Council Vice President Judi Brown Clarke
Councilmember Carol Wood .
Councilmember Vincent Delgado

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Staff
Jim DeLine, Council Internal Auditor
State Representative Andy Schor
Karen Kafantaris, AARP
Mary Lou Westley, Sparrow
Chris Swope, City Clerk
Andy Kilpatrick
Marilyn Plummer, Rep. Andy Schor Office

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN CLARKE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2015 AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Presentations

AARP Presentation on Age Friendly Communities Program

Ms. Kafantaris displayed a powerpoint presentation highlighting the changing the demographic composition of America. An "Age-Friendly Community" is an inclusive and accessible environment that promotes active aging, emphasizes enablement rather than disablement, and is friendly for all ages not just age-friendly. There was a reference to the longevity economy on a global scale, with the US at 16.2 trillion. There are eight domains for an age friendly community, built environment and social environment.

Ms. Kafantaris then outlined the program, and the next step of creation of the planning committee for each domain. It was noted that this planning committee will report back to council and present their findings. Included in the list of people and groups that should be at the table would include but not limited to elected officials, planner, Public Works, MDOT, MPO first responders, Main Street, Library, Tourism Bureau, etc. It was encouraged that each Council Member host in their Ward, and Council Member Yorko acknowledge hosting in the 4th Ward. Council Member Brown Clarke asked if it was a centralized and decentralized model, and when bringing all the groups together, they become the key point person. Council Member Boles asked how they were reaching out to the community. Council Member Washington encouraged they address the housing issues. Ms. Kafantaris stated they have started discussions with MSHDA on the housing issues. Council Member Wood invited Ms. Kafantaris to attend the Ad Hoc on Diversity and Inclusion meetings. Council Member Houghton invited Ms. Kafantaris to a future meeting to update the Council.

Sparrow Hospital Update

Ms. Westley updated Council on the detox setting with Sparrow, noting that over the last 10 years this has been a low- equity detox unit where they then moved onto out-patient services. The reason for doing that is that detox is a medical condition and also requires psychological help. Moving the detox unit to Sparrow on Michigan which gives them access to all-rounded help and consolidating into one location. The St. Lawrence campus was not equipped, but the units at Sparrow with their protocols can start right away, and onto treatment. There were 12 caregivers affected and they have all chosen other positions. Council Member Delgado asked what the caregiver ratio will be now. Ms. Westley stated there will always have 2 nurses in the nursing staff along with a mental health therapist and secretary on 24/7 basis. Council Member Wood asked what the advantages are compared to how it was in what Officers will have to deal with. Ms. Westley reminded Council that they will now have a centralized access center, taking away the barriers and places them in appropriate setting. Council Members acknowledged Ms. Westley for her presentation.

Legislative Update by State Representative Andy Schor

Representative Schor distributed a list of current issues and gave updates on the Preemption of Local Employment, Road Funding, Medical Marihuana, straight ticket voting and securing no-reason voting which Clerks believe restrict their flexibility, and House Bills that affect local units – House Bill 4888; 4990-4994, 4183, 5041, 4686, 4307, 4909 524 4580. Council Member Yorko asked about the gun laws, and Representative Schor informed Council he had put in a bill last session that addresses open carry where you can currently carry a concealed weapon. This would add open carry to the list of places you can't carry concealed. Bill started moving, but the Governor came out and stated he wanted the schools to decide. So bill stopped. Any other bills are not moving. Council Member Dunbar asked if in Bill 4052 it only had to do with wages or discriminatory practices, and Representative Schor agreed they had raised that, but believed it was exempted, and he will provide the exact language. Council Member Brown Clarke asked the status on the medical marihuana, and Representative Schor noted the law community raised issues that Senator Jones is trying to navigate. He needs to find support and it is hard because they are still federally, and there were some legislatures that refused to tax medicine.

Council Member Yorko stepped away from the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Ms. Plummer stated they are reaching out to the neighborhood associations and letting them know that they have bills at the State that will give Council the authority with what they need to do.

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Council Member Wood asked for an update on the House Bill that affects Niowave and their 328 agreement.

Council Member Washington stepped away from the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Opposition to Senate Bill #13

Council Member Yorko returned to the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Mr. Swope outlined the requested Resolution and informed the Council that if the straight ticket is eliminated in the proposed Bill #13 it will increase the voting time on the ballots in the polls.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL #13. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

Council Member Washington returned to the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION – Welcoming City

Council Member Delgado noted he had collaborated on the Resolution with Council Member Washington, which declares the City as a Welcoming City which has already been around at the National level. It was clarified that this was about welcoming, becoming a welcoming City and clarifying what we are.

Council Member Boles reminded the Committee of a resolution that was done in 2014 for the children of Central and South America, and this would be a compliment to that one on a broader scope. Council Member Yorko added the Committee also did one with solidarity on LGBT. Council Member Delgado noted that there may not be any legal impact, but it says that Council objects to the reterridict of bigotry.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER DELGADO TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OF A WELCOMING CITY. MOTION CARRIED 8-0.

Place on File

Council Internal Auditor Report on Government & Auditing Conference of 12/3/2015

Council Member Houghton asked Council to review, and she looks forward to better practices in the future.

Committee Updates

No updates

Other

No topics

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,
Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on _____

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANSING

WHEREAS, a nomination for President and Vice President for the Lansing City Council in 2016 was made on January 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember made a motion to nominate Councilmember as President and Councilmember made a motion to nominate Councilmember as Vice President; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing City Council elects Councilmember as President and Councilmember as Vice President for the Lansing City Council for the year 2016.